

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.	: 10/560,452	Confirmation No.:	3000
Applicant(s)	: Andreas LENDLEIN et al.		
Title	: STENTS		
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS FINAL REJECTION

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 30, 2008, the period for reply being extended three months by the Petition for Three Month Extension of Time appended hereto, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.